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SUBJECT: PRC-SENEGAL AID AND TRADE AGREEMENTS SIGNED

1. CHINA AND SENEGAL CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND A TRADE AGREEMENT IN PEKING ON NOVEMBER 23. SIGNED BY PRC MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES FANG YI AND SENEGAL'S MINISTER OF PLANNING AND COOPERATION OUSMANE SECK, THE AGREEMENTS WERE REACHED DURING A ONE WEEK VISIT BY A SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT DELEGATION WHICH ENDED ON NOVEMBER 24. IN ADDITION TO FANG YI, THE SENEGALESE ALSO MET WITH PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI. AS USUAL, NO DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENTS WERE ANNOUNCED.

2. THE DELEGATION'S TRIP TO PEKING FOLLOWS SEPARATE VISITS IN AUGUST BY SENEGALESE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT ADRIEN SENGHOR AND FOREIGN MINISTER ADAMA N'DIAYE WHICH APPARENTLY LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE NEW AGREEMENTS. ON HIS RETURN TO DAKAR, SENGHOR ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED POSSIBLE CHINESE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR VARIOUS AGRICULTURAL PRO-

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JECTS, ESPECIALLY CEERAL PRODUCTION (DAKAR 3729).

3. THE TRADE AGREEMENT, CHINA'S FOURTH WITH AN AFRICAN STATE THIS YEAR, FOLLOWS PEKING'S GENERAL POLICY OF FORMALIZING ITS COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH ITS TRADE PARTNERS. PRC TRADE WITH AFRICAN STATES HAS OFTEN BEEN CONNECTED WITH FINANCING THE LOCAL COSTS OF AID PROJECTS. THE ABSENCE OF MEETINGS WITH RANKING PRC TRADE OFFICIALS AND THE SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT BY AID MINISTER FANG YI SUGGESTS THAT THIS MAY ALSO BE THE CASE WITH SENEGAL.
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